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I am writing in support of the terms of the agreement negotiated by College Broadcasters, Inc. and SoundExchange and published in the Federal Register on November 5, 2014.

I am Dr. Michael Marek, faculty advisor to KWSC-FM at Wayne State College, Wayne, Nebraska. We are a broadcast FM station that also streams programming full time.

The proposed agreement between College Broadcasters Inc. and the SoundExchange serves our station well. In the past, when reporting requirements were more demanding, it threatened our ability to continue streaming commercially recorded music. This is because the station is operated by students, with faculty oversight, and thus has no actual paid employees. The opportunity to make an additional payment in lieu of reporting makes an overwhelming difference for us.

At the same time, however, we also believe that the November 5th agreement between CBI and SoundExchange is a fair and equitable basis for setting statutory terms and rates.

I encourage your approval of this agreement.

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